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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN GSP LIST

REF: GUATEMALA 1849, STATE 49491, 49462, 45224, 42804

1. BECAUSE OF MINIMIZE, PERTINENT CABLES (STATE REFTELS) COVERING QUESTIONS RAISED IN GUATEMALA 1849 HAVE NOT BEEN TRANSMITTED TO YOU; THEY HAVE NOW BEEN REPEATED.

2. IN SUMMARY, US HAS TAKEN TWO SEPARATE TYPES OF ACTION RE GSP: FIRST, WE HAVE REVISED THE LIST OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM SPECIFIC COUNTRIES WHICH ARE AFFECTED BY THE COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA (CNF); AND SECOND, WE HAVE DELETED PLYWOOD, FACE FINISHED (TSUS 240.25) FROM THE GSP LIST OF PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT, AS WELL AS FOUR FERRO-ALLOY ITEMS BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL

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PROBLEMS IN ADMINISTRATING GSP ON THESE ITEMS. DETAILED

INFORMATION ON THESE ACTIONS AVAILABLE IN STATE REFTELS.

3. QUESTIONS A, B AND C POSED IN PARA 2, GUATEMALA 1849 ARE COVERED IN STATE REFTELS; SHOULD YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE ADVISE. RE QUESTIONS D AND E;

D. PLYWOOD, FACE FINISHED, HAS BEEN DELETED FROM LIST OF PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR GSP. PETITION BY DOMESTIC PRODUCERS

TO REMOVE LEATHER WEARING APPAREL IS NOW UNDER INTER-AGENCY REVIEW BUT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. LEATHER WEARING APPAREL APPEARS ON EXECUTIVE ORDER LIST OF ITEMS AFFECTED BY CNF BECAUSE 1975 IMPORTS FROM KOREA EXCEEDED \$26.6 MILLION, I.E. NEW ADJUSTED \$25 MILLION CEILING.

E. U.S. IMPORTS OF SUGAR (TSUS 155.20) FROM GUATEMALA IN 1975 TOTALLED \$ 25,285,109. THIS IS BELOW ADJUSTED CNF LIMIT AND DECISION WAS MADE TO EXTEND DUTY FREE TREATMENT TO GUATEMALAN SUGAR EXPORTS. AS SUGAR WAS THE ONLY GUATEMALAN EXPORT PREVIOUSLY AFFECTED BY CNF, NO GUATEMALAN EXPORTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY CNF IN 1976, I.E. FEBRUARY 29, 1976 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1977.

4. POST SHOULD USE REFTELS FOR GUIDANCE RE RECENT GSP ACTIONS, AS EXECUTIVE ORDER IS A COMPLEX TECHNICAL DOCUMENT WHICH CAN BE MISCONSTRUED BY THOSE NOT CLOSE TO THE SUBJECT, (WITNESS THE WALL STREET JOURNAL STORY). KISSINGER

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